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Ms. Debbie Fript  
U.S. EPA - Region V  
5HS-12  
230 South Dearborn Street  
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Re: Himco Landfill  
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Ms. Fript:

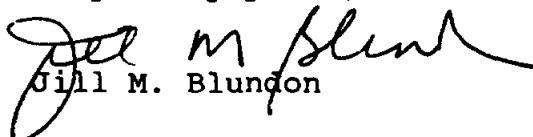
This letter is in response to the Agency's letter received September 12, 1990 regarding the above-referenced site.

Upon receipt of the Agency's 104(e) request for information letters of November 1988 and April 1989, Beazer East Inc. (formerly Beazer Materials and Services, Inc.) conducted extensive investigations into whether Parr Inc. (a former subsidiary) had any involvement at Himco Landfill. Beazer East's investigations have failed to produce any evidence of involvement by [REDACTED] at this site.

Information received from both EPA and the PRP Group has indicated that Himco Landfill operated during the years 1960-1976 and was formally closed in September, 1976. As stated in Beazer's previous response dated January 5, 1989 to the Agency, Parr Inc. began operating in Elkhart in August 1976 when it entered into a lease agreement with Verdant Corporation. Therefore, Parr Inc. was only in operation for approximately one month during the time period Himco Landfill was in operation.

Based upon our internal investigation and a lack of any documentation from either U.S. EPA and/or the PRP Group demonstrating alleged involvement by Parr Inc. at Himco Landfill, Beazer East, Inc. does not believe it is a PRP and therefore does not wish to participate in undertaking or financing the remedial actions for this site. If, and to the extent that, we are provided with evidence that demonstrates liability, we will certainly reconsider our position.

Very truly yours,

  
Jill M. Blundon